



December 2, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing about a serious concern regarding the interoperability of my state's 800 megahertz radio band, which carries dedicated channels for public safety use. Commercial wireless carriers operate on interleaved adjacent bands. The technologies of these operations create significant problems for our first responders when interference occurs and their radios are unable to communicate.

The elimination of spectrum interference warrants the Federal Communications Commission's immediate attention.

The FCC is considering a plan to address the problem surrounding the 800 MHz systems licensing. The Consensus Plan will help to eliminate the disruptive interference, provide additional spectrum for public safety and first responders in addition to providing a foundation for future development.

I urge the FCC to approve the Consensus Plan and address this significant problem in public safety communications. Thank for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at my office if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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